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SUBJ: AUSTRALIAN NEWS ROUNDUP - MONDAY JULY 30.

1. CANBERRA TIMES EDITORIAL TODAY BEGAN "PEOPLE WHO, WHETHER BY FAILING TO TAKE THOUGHT OR BY DESIGN, CONTRIBUTE TO A DETERIORATION OF THE GOOD RELATIONS THAT HAVE LONG EXISTED BETWEEN AUSTRALIA AND THE UNITED STATES ARE WORKING AGAINST THE BEST INTERESTS OF AUSTRALIA". SUBSCRIBING TO A CONSTRUCTIVE PARTNERSHIP FOR THE FUTURE THE EDITORIAL SUGGESTED AUSTRALIA MIGHT EMULATE THE U.S. AND TAKE A LEAD IN GUARANTEEING FOOD SUPPLIES FOR EMERGENCY WORLD USE.

2. MELBOURNE HERALD JULY 29 REPORTED GALLUP POLL INDICATING SUPPORT FOR ALP IS NOW ONLY 2 PERCENT BELOW THE LEVEL IT GOT IN THE DECEMBER ELECTION.

3. SUNDAY TELEGRAPH IN EDITORIAL SAID MR. WHITLAM HAD A GREATER NEED TO SEE MR. NIXON THAN VICE VERSA AND SUGGESTED HE SPEND MORE TIME IN LISTENING THAN BLUNT TALKING.

4. THE AUSTRALIAN EDITORIAL TODAY SAID WHITLAM PLAN FOR INTERNATIONAL MINERAL SUPPLYING CARTEL UNREAL IF FOR NO

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OTHER REASON THAT THAT THERE ARE TOO MANY ALTERNATIVE

SOURCES OF MINERAL SUPPLIES.

5. REPORT BY ALAN RANSAY IN THE AUSTRALIAN TODAY SAYS PRESIDENT NIXON IS EXPECTED TO SEEK REASSURANCES FROM PM WHITLAM OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S CONTINUING SUPPORT FOR EXISTING U.S. BASES IN AUSTRALIA. REPORT SAYS LOW KEY WELCOME AT ANDREWS BASE DID NOT REFLECT SIGNIFICANCE OF VISIT AND REFERRED TO MINIMAL INTEREST BY MEDIA.

6. SYDNEY MORNING HERALD EDITORIAL TODAY STRESSED THE NEED FOR A "CANDID EXPOSITION OF VIEWS AND HOPES WHICH CAN IDENTIFY WHAT IS COMMON GROUND BETWEEN THE TWO GOVERNMENTS. THAT ESTABLISHED" IT SAID "THE TWO LEADERS CAN BETTER PUT INTO PERSPECTIVE THEIR DIFFERENCES." MR. WHITLAM'S TASK THE EDITORIAL SAID IS TO SEE THAT THE STRAIN IN RELATIONS IS ENDED. "IT WILL BE GOOD FOR BETTER UNDERSTANDING IF MR. WHITLAM TALKS FLUENTLY AND PRECISELY - BUT EVEN BETTER IF HE LISTENS ATTENTIVELY" IT CONCLUDED.

7. SECOND FRENCH NUCLEAR TEST. THE ACTING PRIME MINISTER, MR. BARNARD, AND THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT, ISSUED STATEMENTS YESTERDAY CONDEMNING THE LATEST EXPLOSION. MR. BARNARD SAID: "THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT HAS REJECTED ITS CLEAR LEGAL AND MORAL OBLIGATION TO THE WORLD COMMUNITY. I APPEAL TO THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT TO HALT THE TEST PROGRAMME IMMEDIATELY."

CANBERRA TIMES FROM AAP WASHINGTON.

"RELIABLE SOURCES IN WASHINGTON SAID WHITLAM WILL SEEK THE SUPPORT OF THE U.S. AGAINST FRANCE'S TEST PROGRAM. HARROP

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